

## IDEAS FOR MENTORING-RELATED EVENTS

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Events have many purposes: to raise funds, promote mentoring, recognize volunteers, recruit mentors, celebrate National Mentoring Month, give mentors and mentees a chance to meet or announce important news.

Want to try something new? Check out these ideas for mentoring-related events:

- Hold an open house and light dinner for mentors, mentees and their families to meet and mingle. Mentors are encouraged to bring a friend who might want to be a mentor.
- Conduct a group tour of a local cultural institute, museum or nature park.
- Sponsor a photo exhibit, with art created by mentees and their mentors.
- Attend a local professional athletic team's game.
- Have mentoring pairs join the local Fourth of July parade, followed by a picnic.
- Conduct a mentoring "minifair" with outdoor activities and information about mentoring.
- Hold a live auction as part of an awards reception or dinner.
- Sponsor a marathon run/walk that raises money for and promotes mentoring.
- Think of an activity, such as collecting returnable bottles, that raises funds for mentoring.
- Hold a telethon that promotes mentoring and recruits volunteers.
- Sponsor a day of skiing and snowboarding, with proceeds from ticket sales used for mentoring.
- Promote a day of mentees going to work with their mentors (job shadowing).
- Invite a local (and, perhaps, well-known) leader speaking interactively with young people at a breakfast or dinner meeting.
- Create a legislative showcase that brings local and/or state leaders together to illustrate how local mentoring programs are making a positive difference in young people's lives.
- Sponsor a Mentor's Day, which brings mentor/mentee pairs (from a town, city or region) together for a day of fun.
- Hold a press conference with the state governor proclaiming January as National Mentoring Month and honoring mentors and their mentees.